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To: Boating and Waterways Commission Members

From: Department of Boating and Waterways, Legislative Unit

Subject: LEGISLATIVE REPORT, October 24, 2012

This report was prepared on October 9, 2012.

**ASSEMBLY BILLS****AB 737 (Buchanan) Boating and Waterways: Harbors and Watercraft Commission.**

This bill re-creates a Boating and Waterways Commission in the Department of Parks and Recreation within the Division of Boating and Waterways. This bill sets forth the membership, functions, and duties of the Commission. This bill also requires members of the existing Parks and Recreation Commission to be selected based on their interest in boating and waterways matters in addition to other required interests stated in current law.

Sponsor: Author

Status: Chaptered 07/17/2012

Department Position: Neutral

**AB 1540 (Buchanan) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: invasive weeds: South American Spongeplant.**

This bill amends existing law designating the DBW as the lead agency for cooperating with federal and other public agencies on control of the nonnative, invasive aquatic weeds *Egeria densa* and water hyacinth in the Delta, its tributaries, and the Suisun Marsh. This bill adds South American Spongeplant (*Limnobium laevigatum*) to the list of plants authorized for control under this statute.

Sponsor: Author

Status: Chaptered 08/27/2012

Department Position: Neutral

**AB 2443 (Williams) Vessels: registration fee: mussels.** This bill requires an increase not to exceed ten dollars annually in boat registration fees and requires revenues to be deposited into the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund. This bill makes revenues available to the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Boating and Waterways, and the Department of Fish and Game for registration fee administration, grant administration, and prevention activities, respectively. This bill creates a new statewide local assistance grant program that would pay for dreissenid mussel prevention programs

at reservoirs that allow boating and fishing recreation. This bill sets aside a specified percentage of revenues for grants to eligible entities.

Sponsor: Counties of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Monterey

Status: Chaptered 09/23/12

Department Position: No approved position

### **SENATE BILLS**

**SB 71 (Leno) State agencies: boards, commissions, and reports.** This bill eliminates several required reports to the Legislature. The Department of Boating and Waterways biennial report to the Legislature, the Governor, and the Boating and Waterways Commission is eliminated by this bill.

Sponsor: Author

Status: Chaptered 09/28/12

Department Position: No approved position

### **FEDERAL BILLS**

Nothing to report